

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7403

INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

UNCLAS BUJUMBURA 1074

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ENRG, TECH, LDC

SUBJ: COST OF ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION USING CONVENTIONAL ENERGY  
SOURCES

REF: STATE 210477

1. ANSWER TO QUESTION POSED REFTEL PARAGRAPH 2 IS AS FOLLOWS:

ELECTRICITY IN BURUNDI IS GENERATED BY A HYDROELECTRIC POWER  
STATION AT BUKAVU, ZAIRE AT A GROSS COST TO THE

GOVERNMENT-RUN POWERD

ISTRIBUTION COMPANY (REGIDESO) OF \$0.012

PER KILOWATT-HOUR. THE COST TO ALL END-USERS, INCLUDING

FACTORIES IS DEPENDENT UPON REQUIRED VOLTAGE. THE AVERAGE FOR

LOW VOLTAGE (220V) IS \$0.05 PER KW HOUR, AND FOR HIGH VOLTAGE (380V)

\$0.039 PER KW HOUR. TRANSMISSION DISTANCE FROM BUKAVU TO

BUJUMBURA (WHERE THE VAST MAJORITY OF END USERS ARE LOCATED)

IS APPROXIMATELY NINETY MILES.

2. INFORMATION REQUESTED IN SECTIONS B, C, D AND E IS  
AVAILABLE IN ZAIRE.

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